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2017 Beautillion Extraordinaire!

"Unapologetically Black – A Legacy Set for Us and Set by Us"



On Saturday, April 22, Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Buffalo Chapter requests the presence and support of the community to celebrate and uplift 12 honorable young kings as we honor their accomplishments and completion of the 15th Biennial Beautillion Extraordinaire Leadership Program: **Brandon Barksdale, David Brown, Tahir Cook, Christian Cowart, Brendon Garrett, Davon Hardy Jr., John Lane, Keith Norward, Dominik Patton, Jordan Smith, Kaleb Walker and Dorian Withrow.**

The Black Tie celebration will begin promptly at 6 p.m. at the Westin Buffalo located at 250 Delaware Avenue.

This leadership program is designed to instill empowering tools which are necessary to approach any situation with confidence and success into young men who are juniors and seniors in high school. Through the utilization of the community, participants will be provided diverse experiences. Beautillion Extraordinaire Leadership program members received training regarding speech, etiquette, leadership, introduction to various professions, nutrition & health education, violence & abuse, networking, fiscal manage-

ment, fundraising, college preparation, self-esteem and self-image development, African history, community service experience, rites of passage ceremonies and mentorship. Not only did each young man gain knowledge which is needed for success, but also developed friendships which will last a life time.

This year's ceremonial program will not only honor the accomplishments of these fine young men but the evening will also include the formal presentation of these young men to the community; a dramatic historical performance which pays homage to influential leaders from various time periods in African and African-American history while showcasing the talents of our beautillion participants; a traditional mother son dance; and the first oratorical contest finals. The program will also be filled with inspirational words by the dynamic NYS Regent, Catherine Collins, community leader Officer Armonde Badger and the Honorable Demone Smith. The evening will conclude with dancing. This event will serve as a monumental time in these young men's lives and a moving experience for all of the family, friends and community supporters in attendance.

The cost to attend this Black Tie Dinner Gala is \$55 per person.

All profits benefit the post collegiate pursuits of the Beautillion participants.

Should you have any questions or to purchase a ticket, please contact the Beautillion Steering Committee by calling 830-1024.

2017 Omega Gents and Omega Queens

Last week we featured photos of the Omega Mentor's annual Scholarship Ball. Here are the names of those b "Queens": NaJay Cook, Ja'Niya Baker, Ja'Nya Ch Kabuya, Bonisha Robins, Darielle Hough, Morgan

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